

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 13, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Entry of the present amendment and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 1-2, 4, 6-10, 12, 15, 17-18, 20 and 23 for certain informalities. In response, claims 1-2, 4, 6-10, 12, 15, 17-18, 20 and 23 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner suggestions. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 1-2, 4, 6-10, 12, 15, 17-18, 20 and 23 is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 4-5, 9, 12-13, 15, 17 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and if the objections thereto are overcome. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 4-5, 9, 12-13, 15, 17 and 23 contain patentable subject matter. As noted above, the objections to claims 4, 9, 12, 15, 17 and 23 have been overcome.

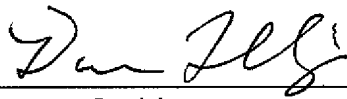
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4, 9, 12, 15, 17 and 23 are in allowable form, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 5 and 13 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 4 and 12.

Further, claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-11, 14, 16, 18-20 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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